

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An endless drive track for a snowmobile, comprising a base and traction lugs integrally formed with the base, the traction lugs extending upward from the base and extending across substantially all of a width of the base, wherein the traction lugs are inclined relative to normal to the base.
2. (Original) The endless drive track of claim 1, wherein the angle of inclination is in the range from 5 to 45 degrees.
3. (Original) The endless drive track of claim 2, wherein the angle of inclination is in the range from 5 to 30 degrees.
4. (Original) The endless drive track of claim 2, wherein the angle of inclination is in the range from 5 to 15 degrees.
5. (Original) The endless drive track of claim 1, wherein the traction lug is inclined away from a track travel direction.
6. (Original) The endless drive track of claim 1, wherein the traction lug is inclined toward a track travel direction.
7. (Original) The endless drive track of claim 1, comprising a first set of traction lugs inclined away from a track travel direction and a second set of travel lugs inclined toward a track travel direction.
8. (Original) An endless drive track of claim 1, wherein the traction lugs have a height of 0.5 to 3 inches.

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9. (Original) An endless drive track of claim 6, wherein the height is 1.5 to 3 inches.

10. (Original) An endless drive track of claim 5, wherein the angle of inclination is sufficient for the traction lug to compress snow as it comes into contact with the snow.

11. (Original) A snowmobile comprising an endless drive track of claim 1.

12. (New) An endless drive track for a snowmobile comprising:

a base; and

traction lugs extending upward from the base, the lugs comprising a lower portion having a first angle of inclination relative to normal to the base and an upper portion having a second angle of inclination relative to normal to the base, the second angle being greater than the first angle.

13. (New) The endless drive track of claim 13, wherein the angle of inclination is in the range from 5 to 45 degrees.

14. (New) The endless drive track of claim 13, wherein the first angle is in the range from 5 to 30 degrees.

15. (New) The endless drive track of claim 13, wherein the first angle is in the range from 5 to 15 degrees.

16. (New) The endless drive track of claim 12, wherein there is an inflection point between the upper and lower portion.

17. (New) The endless drive track of claim 12, wherein the lower portion has a first leading face having a first leading face angle and the upper portion has a second leading face having a second leading face angle, the first leading face angle being about 14 degrees and the second leading face angle being about 20 degrees.

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18. (New) The endless track of claim 19, wherein the lower portion has as trailing face having a first trailing face angle and wherein the upper portion has a trailing face having a second trailing face angle, the first trailing face angle being about equal to 3 degrees and the second trailing face angle being about equal to 11 degrees.

19. (New) A method for using an endless track, the method comprising:

providing a snowmobile;

providing a track comprising

a base; and

traction lugs integrally formed with the base, the traction lugs extending upward from the base and extending across substantially all of a width of the base, the traction lugs being inclined relative to normal to the base; and indicia formed on the base indicating hill climbing and deep snow orientations of the lugs;

securing the track to the snowmobile having the traction lugs inclined toward a track direction of travel;

securing the track to the snowmobile having the traction lugs inclined away from the track direction of travel; and

driving the snowmobile on top of snow.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the track bears indicia indicating orientations of the traction lugs suitable for hill climbing and deep snow.

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